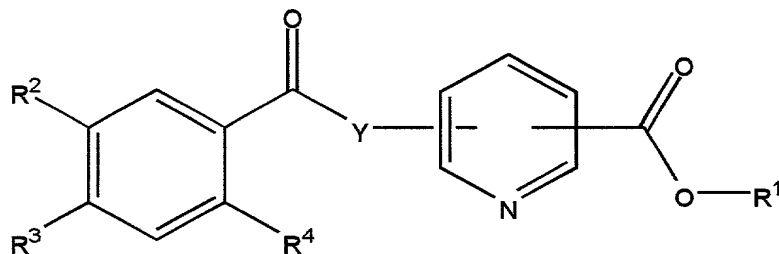


## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of administering a compound of Formula I:



Formula I

wherein

$R^1$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl;

$R^2$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl or adamantyl;

$R^3$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl or hydroxy; or

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  taken together are  $-(CR^6R^7)_n-$ ;

$R^4$  is  $C_{2-8}$ -alkyl,  $C_{2-8}$ -alkenyl,  $C_{2-8}$ -alkynyl,  $-OCH_2R^5$  or  $C_{2-8}$ -alkanoyl, or hydrogen when  $R^3$  is hydroxy;

$R^5$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ -alkenyl or  $C_{2-6}$ -alkynyl;

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  are hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl;

$Y$  is oxygen or sulfur; and

$n$  is 3, 4, or 5,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts of carboxylic acid of formula I,

wherein said method comprises the step of admixing said compound in solid form with a topical carrier to form a topical formulation within seven days prior to first topical administration of said compound.